

CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

CPR is required by Chapter DE 5.02 (24) in Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code Relating to the Practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. Chapter DE 5, Standards of Conduct are rules adopted pursuant to ss. 15.08 (5), 227.11 and 447.07 (3).

It reads: (24) Failing to hold a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation unless the licensee has obtained a waiver from the board based on a medical evaluation documenting physical inability to comply. A waiver shall be issued by the board only if it is satisfied that another person with current certification in CPR is immediately available to the licensee when patients are present.

- Current certificate is training documentation from American Heart Association (renewal is once every two years), Red Cross (renewal is once a year) or other Board approved courses as determined by the Board.
- The level of CPR recommended* is:
 - Am. Heart Assoc.: Healthcare Provider
 - Am. Red Cross: Healthcare Professional

*Note: recommended – not required – all levels are acceptable.

On-line CPR that does not provide any classroom, hands-on / instructor-led skill training and assessment is **NOT acceptable**.

Credential holders (dentists and dental hygienists) are expected to maintain their own CPR training records. If an investigation of a credential holder occurs – these CPR records may be requested and if available must be provided.

Dental assistant, lab technicians, receptionists, office managers are unlicensed professionals and not required to meet this CPR requirement.

A protective barrier for the provision of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation during CPR is required in a dental office for those employees covered by the OSHA Bloodborne Standard. Examples include bag-to-mouth resuscitation devices, CPR pocket masks, or positive pressure oxygen.

Mock emergency review, readily available emergency phone number, easily accessible telephones, highly visible address on the outside of the office, oxygen tank and an available back board may also be considered for proper response to potential emergency situations.